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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 2002, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 17 and 21 as follows, and cancel claims 1-9, 18-20, and 26-30 without prejudice.

17. (Amended) An article comprising one or more machine-readable storage media containing instructions that when executed enable a processor to:

receive at least one music file and a transfer count associated with the music file from another device, wherein the transfer count is indicative of the number of times the music file may be transferred to one or more devices;

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